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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: "CAPTURE AND DETECTION OF MICROBES BY MEMBRANE METHODS" -- Floriano et al.

Dear Ms. Short,

Attached please find a:

1. Petition to Convert a National Application Filed Under U.S.C. § 371 to an Application Filed Under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) (2 pages);
2. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages); and
3. Fee Authorization in the amount of \$400.00 (2 pages)

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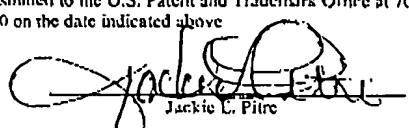
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Intl. Appl. No. PCT/US03/23131
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Inventors:

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**PETITION TO CONVERT A NATIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER
37 U.S.C. § 371 TO AN APPLICATION FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 111(a)**

PCT Legal Administrator
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This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 and MPEP 1002.02(p) to convert an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 to an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a). The above-referenced application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 on January 24, 2005 and was copending with International Application No. PCT/US03/23131. Applicant submits that the above-referenced application has at least one inventor in common with International Application No. PCT/US03/23131. Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be converted to a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US03/23131 under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

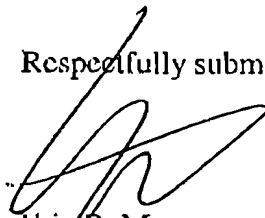
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Applicant encloses the following:

- (1) A Preliminary Amendment to add a priority statement as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120; and
- (2) A Fee Authorization in the amount of \$400.00 for the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f).

If any fees are omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzl, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5936-11111/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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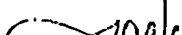
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendment to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, line 1:

PRIORITY CLAIM

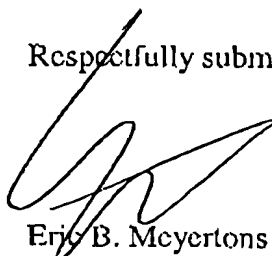
This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US03/23131 entitled "CAPTURE AND DETECTION OF MICROBES BY MEMBRANE METHODS," with an international filing date of July 24, 2003.

Inventor: McDevitt et al.
Intl. Appl. No.: PCT/US03/23131
Atty. Dkt. No.: 5936-11111

Remarks

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5936-11111/EBM.

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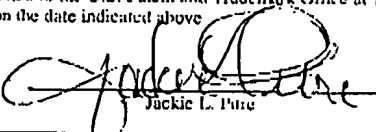
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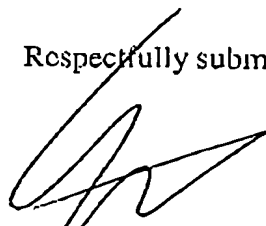
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The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number.

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